

Earth Kind Roses:

The Fairy:

Earth Kind is an important designation given to select roses by the Texas A&M University Agriculture program. Earth Kind Roses have been through rigorous statewide testing and evaluation by a team of horticultural experts and found to possess the high level of landscape performance and outstanding disease and insect tolerance/ resistance required to for this special designation.



Earth Kind Roses are among the most thoroughly tested and environmentally responsible plants for the use in Texas landscapes. These roses do very well in almost any soil type, from the well-drained acid sands of East Texas to the poorly aerated, highly alkaline clays of central and Southwest Texas. Earth Kind roses are certainly not immune to pest problems. However, their tolerance to pests is so great that they rarely require the use of chemical pesticides.

'The Fairy' was first introduced in England in 1932 by famed rose breeder J.A. Bentall. This selection has been popular every since due to it's small size, abundant pink blooms and tough nature.

'The Fairy' is a polyantha that grows about 2 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It has a compact form with dark green, glossy leaves that grow on very thorny stems. Flowers are small, double and a medium pink. Flowers have a 20-30 petal count with a slight apple fragrance. Flowers open a little later than most polyantha roses and it has good repeat blooming. Summer heat turns the flowers almost white.



Earth Kind uses research-proven techniques to provide maximum gardening and landscape enjoyment while preserving and protecting our environment.

The objective of Earth Kind is to combine the best of organic and traditional gardening and landscaping principles to create a new horticultural system based on real-world effectiveness and environmental responsibility.

The principal goals of Earth Kind include:

- Water conservation
- The safe use and handling of fertilizers & pesticides
- Reduction of yard wastes entering urban landfills

As your interest and knowledge in these areas grows you will have an increased awareness of the many programs, practices and activities that are Earth Kind. Working together we can make a difference in conserving and protecting our valuable natural resources.

For more information see our Web site:
EarthKind.tamu.edu



Cultivar Name: **The Fairy**



Blossom Color	Light Pink
Blossom & Fragrance	Double – no fragrance
Blooming Period	May – First Frost
Mature Height	3 - 4 feet
Mature Width	2 - 4 feet
Rose Category	Polyantha
Growth Habit	Dwarf Shrub

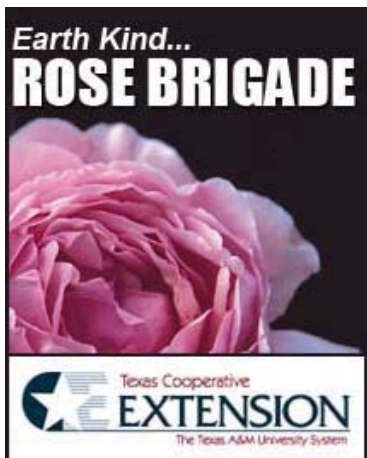
Grow 'The Fairy' in full sun and well drained soils on a 4 foot spacing. Keep soils moist and a 3-4 inch layer of mulch during the first year of establishment and thereafter. The consistent use of an organic mulch will maintain plant health, nutrition and performance. 'The Fairy' is able to withstand a wide range of temperatures, so it can be utilized throughout Texas.

Landscape Uses:

'The Fairy' could be used in a hedge, mass planting or container. 'The Fairy' has a slightly cascading habit that would look fantastic spilling out over the edge of a raised bed or large container. It's habit of growing wider than tall could even lend itself to a groundcover situation.

'The Fairy' is a trooper in the landscape world and one that's proven itself on performance and longevity.

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Join the Earth Kind Rose Brigade:

We invite you to become a member of the "Earth Kind Rose Brigade," a group of dedicated amateurs helping to conduct advanced field testing of experimental rose selections. Your participation will be educational as well as valuable in providing information to the Earth Kind Team of Extension specialists and research scientists at Texas A&M University.

To participate, simply purchase and plant one or more of the Brigade roses then, at one, two, three, and four years after transplanting, provide the benefit of your growing experience.

These cultivars should be planted where they will receive at least 8 hours of direct sun each day with good air movement over the foliage. The use of compost and organic mulches is encouraged.

For more information on how you can part of this educational activity please see our Web site at:

EarthKind.tamu.edu/EKRoseBrigade.html